WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An oligonucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence specifically hybridizable with heparanase encoding nucleic acid.
- 2. An antisense nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence specifically hybridizable with heparanase messenger RNA.
- 3. A sense nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence specifically hybridizable with heparanase antisense RNA.
- 4. A pair of polymerase chain reaction primers comprising a sense primer and an antisense primers, each of said primers including a nucleic acid sequence specifically hybridizable with heparanase encoding nucleic acid.